



Fact Sheet:



State Incentive Grant

Overview

Through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, California was awarded a \$12 million federal grant of \$4 million per year over three years to strengthen prevention systems. California's State Incentive Grant (SIG) program will use evidence-based prevention and early intervention programs.

Goals of the California SIG are to:

- 1) *Develop and implement a comprehensive prevention strategy to optimize the use of State and Federal substance abuse prevention funding streams and resources*
- 2) *Develop prevention using science-based prevention practices that focus on youth and young adults (ages 12-25).*
- 3) *Reduce past 30-day binge drinking among youth and young adults (ages 12-25) by 50 percent in five years*

Outcome Measures

Studies establish that binge drinking is a serious problem among California's youth. According to the Committee on Developing a Strategy to Reduce and Prevent Underage Drinking, there are significant consequences associated

with binge drinking. These include the threat to long-term development and well-being, increased incidence of traffic crashes, as well as other problem behaviors including violence, suicide, and educational failure that affect the community as well as the individual.

The tenth biennial *California Student Survey (CSS) on Alcohol and Drug Use for Grades 7, 9, and 11* contains descriptive statistics about the incidence of binge drinking. The CSS uses a high degree of scientific rigor to collect and analyze trends over an extended number of years.

The most recent CSS report of 2004 found that adolescent alcohol use, especially binge drinking, is clearly prevalent in California. A disturbing finding given the fact that one out of every eight Californians is between the ages of 12 and 25.

County SIG Projects:

Through a competitive bid process in 2004, the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs awarded 13 county alcohol and other drug (AOD) offices a total of approximately \$3.4 million per year for up to three years. Counties were selected based on their ability to effectively plan and use science-based, community prevention strategies to attain measurable outcomes related to SIG objectives.

County AOD offices will work with local partnerships focused on a range of binge drinking objectives. The objectives are linked to the Binge Drinking Strategic Plan of 2004 prepared by the Governor's Prevention Advisory Council. County projects were encouraged to collaborate with local government, schools, law enforcement, businesses and community organizations.

In the first year, the 13 counties will complete detailed local needs assessments relative to binge drinking, design logic models to carryout their actions, engage local evaluation of the projects, and be ready for operation in years two and three.